

COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

January 2013—Quarterly Report



FIRST THINGS FIRST

Ready for School. Set for Life.

Navajo Nation Regional Partnership Council

October Outreach Activities

Navajo Nation DODE/NCA Fall Workshop

- October 1-2: Flagstaff, AZ

Chinle Agency Head Start Parent Leadership Orientation

- October 12: Chinle Catholic Hall

Chinle High School Video Production Class

- October 18: Chinle High School

Western Navajo Fair Elderly Day

- October 19: Tuba City

Coconino Supervisor Lena Fowler Public Safety Appreciation Luncheon

- October 19: Tuba City Boarding School

Speakers Training Pt II—Nihiyazhi Ba'it'ih West Staff

- October 24: Tuba City Growing in Beauty

1:1—Sondra Soter, Nihiyazhi Ba'it'ih Home Visitor

- November 6: Cow Springs

Native American Fatherhood & Families Association

- November 7: Mesa, AZ

Nihiyazhi Ba'it'ih Home Visiting Family Literacy Training

- November 14: Fort Defiance Chapter House

Window Rock Elementary School Literacy Night

- November 14: Window Rock Elementary School

Window Rock School District Community Fair

- November 15: Tsehootsooi Elementary School

1:1—Kinlichee FACE Program

- November 20: Kin Dah Lichi Olta

Window Rock Elementary School PAC Mtg

- November 28: Window Rock Elementary School

4 Directions of Wellness Show Pre-Production Mtg

- November 29: Northern Navajo Medical Center

Community Outreach Digital Storytelling Training

- December 3-7: Chandler, AZ

Chinle Health Council Meeting

- December 11: Chinle District Court

Window Rock-Ft Defiance Lions Club Meeting

- December 11: Window Rock Quality Inn

Speakers Training: Early Childhood Everyday – Nihiyazhi Ba'it'ih Home Visiting

- December 12: Chinle Chapter House

November Outreach Activities

December Outreach Activities

Quarterly BENCHMARKS

16 Presentations

3 Events

3 One on Ones

5 Champion Activities

5 Speakers Trainings

2 Stories

1 Media Hit—"Top Ten Gifts"
Radio Spot

33 Tweets & Facebook posts



CHAMPION ACTIVITIES

- ⇒ Born Learning Distribution—Navajo Nation WIC & Nihiyazhi Ba'it'ih Home Visiting
- ⇒ Early Literacy Awareness at Western Navajo Fair Parade—Lil' Miss Central
- ⇒ Early Childhood Bags and Booth Set-up—Dave Mikesic, Navajo Zoo
- ⇒ Early Childhood Video Production—Alfred Nelson, Chinle High School Audio Visual Class
- ⇒ Early Literacy Bags—Sondra Soter, Nihiyazhi Ba'it'ih Home Visiting



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December Outreach Activities

Teec Nos Pos Senior Bingo Night

- December 13: Teec Nos Pos Chapter House

Fort Defiance Agency Foster Grandparent Inservice

- December 14: Gallup, NM

Pinon Health Council Meeting

- December 17: Pinon Health Center

Lions Club Christmas Social

- December 17: Church of the Good Shepherd

Speakers Training: Early Childhood Everyday & The Write Way—Nutrition Education Obesity Prevention Program

- December 19: Navajo County Public Health District

Kayenta Community Collaboration Team

- December 20: Kayenta First Baptist Church

Speakers Training: Early Childhood Everyday & The Write Way—Nutrition Education Obesity Prevention & Oral Health Program

- December 27: Coconino County Public Health



TALKING POINT:

A strong foundation in the early years improves the odds for positive outcomes for kids; a weak foundation increases the odds of problems later in life.



The Building Blocks of Language

“Baby!” two year old Lexie exclaims as her baby doll falls out of its carrier and to the ground.

Dr. Katherine Mahosky, Nihiyazhi Ba’iit’ih Early Literacy and Language Trainer, sees this as the perfect opportunity to show Lexie’s parents, Taryn and Curtis, how they can encourage more language. Katherine turns to Lexie and says, “Oops baby fell out.” By adding more words to Lexie’s response, Katherine is helping to expand her vocabulary.

Taryn and Curtis attended the training to learn how they could further their child’s language development. They came in worried about Lexie’s speech but left with confidence in being able to build her language skills. From now on, they will work to encourage Lexie’s language by talking more with her and taking advantage of every opportunity to read to her.

There is no better time to teach young children and no one better to do it than parents. From birth to age 3 children grow and learn at the most intense rate. Katherine agrees, “70 percent of what we know about language happens before we get to school and parents are the absolute most important teachers of language.”

The Nihiyazhi Ba’iit’ih (For Our Children) Home Visiting Program, funded by First Things First, hosts monthly Early Literacy and Language Family Trainings. Home Visitors, from various Navajo Nation communities in Arizona, provide family support services that focus on child health and development, positive parenting and early education. Home visits and family trainings are designed to give parents the tools they need to help their children get ready for kindergarten. The job of helping children succeed in school starts the day they’re born.